procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured aids and appliances that promote their physically, social and psychological rehabilitation. The scheme is implemented through centres run by the Comapnies, registered under Companies Act, registered Societies, trusts or any other institutions recognised by the Ministry of Welfare. Both Governmental and non-Governmental agencies are thus engaged for the implementation of the scheme.

Under the scheme, aids and appliances upto value of Rs. 3600/- are distributed to the disabled persons free of cost if their monthly income is upto Rs. 1200/- and at 50% of the cost if the income is between Rs. 1201/- to Rs. 2500/-.

(8) Government of India have recently enacted 'The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995'. The Act provides prevention and early detection of disabilities, education, employment non-discrimination etc. for disabled persons including mentally handicapped persons.

(9) A National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation has been registered on 24.1.97 under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 to provide opportunities for skill development and loan assistance on easy terms to the disabled persons to set up self-employment ventrues.

मध्य प्रदेश में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को सुविधाएं

3178. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को राज्य परिवहन की बसों में यात्रा करने हेतु कौन-कौन सी सुविधाएं और रियायतें दी गई हैं और ये सुविधाएं कब से प्रदान की गई है;

(ख) मुफ्त और रियायती दरों पर यात्रा करने की सुविधा कब से स्थापित की गयी है;

(ग) मुफ्त में या रियायती दर पर यात्रा करने के लिए पूर्व में जारी किए गए रियायत संबंधी आदेशों के नवीनीकरण की सुविधा राज्य के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में अभी लागू है और किन-किन क्षेत्रों में यह सुविधा स्थगित कर दी गयी है; और

(घ) इस सुविधा को स्थगित करने तथा नवीनीकरण की सुविधा को मनमाने तरीके से बंद किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना मांगी गई है।

Annual Reports on Linguistic Minorities

3179. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Reports on linguistic minorities are being prepared and presented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the details of the Annual Reports for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA):(a) and (b) Yes Sir, So far, 33 Reports on Linguistic Minorities have been prepared, out of which 32 Reports have been submitted to the President of India. All the 32 Reports have also been laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament. The 32nd Report submitted to the Government in April, 1995, covered the period from July, 1991 to June, 1992 and 33rd Report on Linguistic Minorities covering the period July, 1992 to June, 1993 has been submitted to the Government recently.

The post of the Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities was vacant in 1995-96 and Dr. Harbhajan Singh Deol took charge of this office on 16th October, 1996.

The Annual Reports for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 are yet to be submitted by the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities to the Government.

Reservation for SCs and STs in the admission to school, colleges and engineering colleges

3180. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some reservation has been provided for admission in schools level, college level and post graduate level including